

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 9, 2013

The Honorable Council of the City of Evansville met on regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013 in the City Council Chambers, Room 301 Civic Center Complex, Evansville, Indiana, with President Constance Robinson presiding. The following business was conducted.

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript. Audiotapes of this meeting are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

ROLL CALL:

Present: McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

There being nine (9) members present and zero (0) members absent and nine (9) members representing a quorum, I hereby declare this session of the Common Council officially open.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This evening the pledge of allegiance is led by our newlywed Councilman Weaver.

Fellow Councilmen and those in the audience, welcome to the December 9, 2013 meeting of the Common Council.

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Jessica Marcum of Reitz High School and Brenna Dunville of Central High School

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

This evening Scott Danks is City Council Attorney.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

This Sergeant at Arms is Officer Burris.

READING AND AMENDMENT OF MINUTES

Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 meeting of the Common Council as written?

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilman McGinn seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Common Council held November 18, 2013 as written. Voice vote. So ordered.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

IN YOUR DECEMBER 6th PACKET:

*City Council Meeting Agenda for December 9, 2013.

*Committee Meeting Schedule.

*Ordinances G-2013-18, G-2013-20, G-2013-21, G-2013-22, G-2013-23, F-2013-21 Amended, F-2013-23 Amended

*Resolution C-2013-25

*Rezoning Ordinance R-2013-29

*Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2013 and Staff Field Reports.

*Evansville Redevelopment Committee Minutes from November 5, 2013 and November 19, 2013

*Evansville Local Public Improvement Bond Bank Bonds, Series 2013A (Sewage Works Project) and Series 2013B (Waterworks District Project)

- *Notice of Approval from APC of Resolution 13-ERC-30 concerning Jacobsville Redevelopment Area
- *Financial Report for October 2013
- *City Council Meeting Schedule for 2014

E-mailed Material:

- *City Council Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2013
- *Letter from APC concerning board appointments
- *Approval of Drug Testing Policy for Unity Taxi from Kevin Kirkwood
- *Firefighters Contract

On Your Desk This Evening:

- *Extended Agenda
- *Revised Agenda
- *An amended page to F-2013-21
- *2014 Capital Improvement Plan

President Robinson: Can I have a motion to receive, file, and make these reports and communications a part of the minutes of the meeting?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilwoman Mosby seconded the motion to receive, file and make these reports and communications a part of the minutes of the meeting. Voice vote. So ordered.

We are going to deviate right now from the agenda and we're going to ask the Fire Chief to come up and talk about the extractors.

Fire Chief Connelly: Thank you Madam President, City Council. Fire Chief Mike Connelly.

The goal of this mayor, City Council, the EFD administration and the local union is to reduce carcinogen exposure to the firefighters. All agree that the implementation of a system to clean, inspect and repair personal protective equipment, or PPE, is needed. A system for fiscally responsible, logistically realistic cleaning, inspection, and repair of gear was developed by a Health and Safety Committee made up of labor and management from the Fire Department.

Several ideas were discussed to accomplish the goal of cleaning, inspecting and repairing the firefighter PPE. Funding was secured through an amendment of the CIP budget and a vote of approval by City Council, and thank you for the approval of the funds.

The Health and Safety Committee came up with a recommendation in March of 2013 and it included installing necessary equipment in the EFD Administration Building to clean and repair PPE in-house because in-house repairs, in-house cleaning and repairs would be easily tracked and documented, attention to minor repairs to prevent large repair costs of neglected repairs would prove financially wise, would provide a faster turn-around for gear, better quality control and documentation.

We purchased two large-capacity extractors at 55-pound capacity, one small-capacity extractor at the 30-pound capacity, two PPE drying cabinets. We have in the budget for sewing/repair machinery, detergent, installation and renovation of the repair facility and cleaning facility in the

administration building, and initial out-sourcing of the cleaning and repairs of the equipment. That total came to \$155,900, estimated costs. If the actual costs came in less than the estimated costs, the committee would have liked to have seen additional drying equipment purchased if appl...if we could do that and we did have funds available; we bought two more drying racks to be put in all four washing stations.

The funds were deposited and available for use on May 31, 2013. The schedule for the first department-wide annual cleaning, inspection and repair started on June 18, 2013, which is historic I might add.

The schedule allowed for the gear to be picked up on the first day of their four days off in between work periods and it was returned to them on their first day back to work. They were instructed to individually prepare their gear and mark it to be sure that it was all returned to the proper firefighter and it was also marked with a barcode so that we could track it for future reference.

Renovations to the administration building were completed and the equipment was running by September 5, 2013 and all of the extractors had been reprogrammed to prevent any further damage to the gear while it was being cleaned. It's ironic that the gear that we wear is to be worn in the most hazardous atmospheres on earth yet we have to take so much care when we clean it to prevent the destruction of the fibers. We reprogrammed all of the extractors so that they would not exceed any of the limitations required by the manufacturer and we also purchased the drying cabinets and drying racks to make sure that those met the specifications as well.

At that same time, instructions were sent out, department-wide, for turnout gear, or PPE, washing instructions. Step-by-step, it tells the firefighter how to disassemble the gear, which cycle to use for which portion of the gear that they are washing and then how to document it so that the cleaning can be tracked.

The total amount that we have spent as of December 9 is \$141,389.59. We have three sets of gear that remain to be cleaned, inspected and repaired. By comparison, Indianapolis does have a full-time person but for ordinary, routine cleaning, the individual firefighter takes care of it. There are several battalions throughout the city of Indianapolis and each battalion has six to seven stations. There is one centrally located cleaning station in each battalion. The individual firefighter takes the time, either on or off duty, to routinely clean his or her gear. Right now, we have a policy in place where it is the individual's responsibility to clean the gear when it is dirty. We are currently handling repairs. When guys wash their gear and they realize that there are repairs that need to be done, we are handling those repairs as requested at no expense to the firefighter.

When we first discussed this project, the goal was to reduce the exposure to firefighters of carcinogens and I believe we are doing that. In general, the Fire Department is willing to participate in this project. The Health & Safety Committee, made up of labor and management, has done a great job and it is noteworthy that this is the first administration that has done a department-wide cleaning and repair of PPE.

That's my update.

Councilman Adams: I was the guy that asked you to come and I do appreciate it and I appreciate the follow-up. We started this journey about a year ago, almost exactly a year ago, getting some funds out of the Rainy Day Fund. My recollection, having gone to four committee meetings, was that the last step was the hiring of a housemother person that would proactively, I could be wrong, proactively pick up on the fact that a group of guys in one station had gone into a burning building that day or that evening, the evening before. I guess you pick that up on a computer when come you in in the morning or somehow you understand; you pick that up, and that his job would be to proactively go out, grab the gear when the guys had the next four-day time off, and take that equipment back, wash it, clean it, dry it, and repair it and then bring it back to the stationhouse. Am I totally wrong in my perception of that?

Fire Chief Connelly: That would be an ideal situation. We don't have a body for that purpose yet.

Councilman Adams: Say it again.

Fire Chief Connelly: That would be an ideal situation. We don't have a body for that purpose yet.

Councilman Adams: Is that your goal?

Fire Chief Connelly: That would be my goal to make sure that we wash the gear as soon as possible but right now the firefighters have access to that equipment and it is their responsibility.

Councilman O'Daniel: I was thinking that we even discussed whether or not we were going to have to hire somebody to do this and you had indicated that there would be somebody from within who'd be designated to do that and actually go around, not at the end of a four-day period but if there were two sets of gear, they'd come and collect after each fire, wash and return it and that would be that person's job, and now you're saying you don't have the manpower for that?

Fire Chief Connelly: Correct. We look at combining some duties and the initial round of picking up and dropping off the gear by the training division, by the instructors.

Councilman O'Daniel: Okay.

Fire Chief Connelly: *(Inaudible)*

Councilman O'Daniel: We are basically reverting to every man for themselves again and saying, "Well here's the instructions; go do it yourself".

Fire Chief Connelly: We're on...

Councilman O'Daniel: I mean I know that's a...

Fire Chief Connelly: I understand what you are saying. We don't have a body designated for doing that right now. Ideally, we would be able to hire somebody but it is not a full-time job. What I envision is that we would be able to combine some of the delivery of supplies, EMS supplies, cleaning supplies, and pick-up and drop off the gear at the same time until we can get somebody to do that.

President Robinson: *(Off Mic)* That's not what we were told.

Councilman Adams: I'm a little confused because right now you're putting it up to the individual guy where before we had washers located in two or three places out there and that wasn't working. Now we have spent close to \$140,000 getting it all downtown, everything is all set, and everything and you're asking the same people to proactively, or actively, do their washing when it wasn't working before. I don't see the difference. It wasn't working.

Fire Chief Connelly: We need a body to do that.

Councilman Adams: Okay, now how do we get that?

Fire Chief Connelly: I need funding; I need a salary.

Councilman O'Daniel: Well, I mean...I mean that's the thing is we asked that before we approved this. Otherwise we may have gone a different direction, just said all right, let's just keep it, you know. You call them battalions in Indianapolis. Keep it at four particular stations that can handle it, that don't need the retrofitting, then fill out some OSHA requirements and send it into Administration. But instead we do a, you know, we buy some washers, upgrade the administration building and now we're asking firefighters, "No, don't go out there. You all go downtown; use what we've got there". I mean I...look, Al...Al was right on this that it didn't turn out like you promised and I mean, look, I...it seems to me that when we want to do something, we find the manpower, we find the time, we find the money to do it, and I guess from my standpoint, you came to us and asked us for a certain thing. Actually, the first thing was we were going to get washers and dryers at every station. That didn't work out; the Safety Committee went through, they did their due diligence. That was fine. You came to us and you said, "This is what we're going to do. It's not going to cost you any more money than this". I'm glad this was under budget. "You are not going to have to hire any new people; we've got the manpower to do it". And now you're saying, "No, we can't find it". I think you can. I just don't think people are trying hard enough.

Fire Chief Connelly: Okay.

Councilman Adams: Sorry to put you on the spot here Chief.

Fire Chief Connelly: No, you are...

Councilman Adams: The object of this was to decrease the exposure to carcinogens and I don't see that that's happening a year later because I don't see that peoples' behavior is going to change. It's the same system only it's...only the equipment is concentrated down at the administration building.

Councilman O'Daniel: But remember this too Doc, is that part of the problem is that we left it up to the firefighters to do it on their own per the policy; we didn't have a mechanism to make sure that they were doing it because there's sort of this badge of honor of having a dirty set of uniforms so now you put it right back on the people that...

Fire Chief Connelly: Well we do have...I'm sorry.

Councilman O'Daniel: No I...but, you're putting right back on it. Change of policy but you are still saying, "It's still up to you". They weren't doing it before and this supposed to be the mechanism by which to do that and to make sure of it.

Councilman Adams: And on top of that we were supposed to have some way to document accurately for OSHA and we're not doing that.

Fire Chief Connelly: We do have that. We do have the tracking.

Councilman Adams: How do you have it if the guy doesn't come down?

Fire Chief Connelly: It's policy that he's to report it to the training division so they can enter it in the record.

Councilman O'Daniel: But if what if they don't come down in the first place? You know, there's a fire, they go in there, they say, "You know what? I'm not taking it down there. It's too much time. I got other things I got to do". How do you track it then?

Fire Chief Connelly: Good point. I need a body...I need a body. My training division, my instructors are busy. They're the catchall for extra duties at the Fire Administration Building.

Councilman Adams: *(Inaudible)* Chief. I think you ought to be doing this proactively. I don't think we should be having this scene. You now, you should be coming to us saying, "Okay, we've got everything ready to go. I need X number of dollars from you guys out of the Rainy Day Fund to...here we go again...to hire a guy to make this thing work".

Fire Chief Connelly: All right, I need \$75,000 for a salary so I can hire a guy to take care of the Quarter Master System.

Councilwoman Mosby: How much do you need Chief?

Fire Chief Connelly: Seventy-five thousand.

Councilwoman Mosby: Seventy-five thousand?

Fire Chief Connelly: Annually.

Councilwoman Mosby: Annually?

Fire Chief Connelly: And another line item in the budget.

Councilman Friend: That doesn't include though you gotta get PERF...

Fire Chief Connelly: That includes PERF.

Councilman Friend: Does that include...

Fire Chief Connelly: That's hiring...

Councilman Friend:...salary?

Fire Chief Connelly: That's hiring a person off the street, yes.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: *(Off Mic)* Non-bargaining unit *(Inaudible)*?

Fire Chief Connelly: Non-bargaining.

Councilman Friend: Health insurance? All that?

Fire Chief Connelly: Yes.

Councilwoman Mosby: So seventy-five thousand. That includes...

Fire Chief Connelly: Annually.

Councilwoman Mosby: Annually. Everything that Councilman Friend just said?

Fire Chief Connelly: Yes.

Councilman O'Daniel: Okay.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: And they can start January 1, right? If we can...

Fire Chief Connelly: We'd have to do an interview process.

Councilman O'Daniel: This doesn't have to be a fire-fighter, right?

Fire Chief Connelly: No.

Councilman O'Daniel: So it's non-bargaining unit. I mean, so you know, I don't know what some of the folks in civilian police make but it's strikes me that, you know, \$25,000, \$20,000 for benefits and, I mean, what are we thinking about paying? What would the qualifications be?

President Robinson: *(Off Mic)* *(Inaudible)*

Councilman O'Daniel: And it would be a part time position too so we wouldn't even have to have that either.

Councilman McGinn: Yeah, I mean...

Councilman O'Daniel: It seems to me that...

Councilman McGinn: We could hire 50 hours a week at \$10.00 an hour and divide that up by three or four people. I mean of course, there is still a transportation issue but you don't have benefits for part-time people, well below the...

Councilman O'Daniel: Well they can coordinate that too.

Councilman McGinn:...thirty hours. Do you have a part-time salary line item?

Fire Chief Connelly: No, I do not.

Councilman McGinn: Would that help? I mean do you think there...

Fire Chief Connelly: Yes.

Councilman McGinn:...part time people who might be interested in driving around? I mean I know people who use their own cars and deliver pizzas.

Councilman O'Daniel: I mean we're talking maybe 20 hours a week, right? There's one for all of Indianapolis, right?

Fire Chief Connelly: And you talk about after hours if we are going to be picking up gear after a fire.

Councilman O'Daniel: Well I mean you're ready to let that be for days at a time at this point so, I mean they can pick it up at 8:00 in the morning on any given day. They work 8:00 to noon, five days a week, seven days a week, whatever it is. I mean you can do 20 hours a week...

Councilman McGinn: But again...

Councilman O'Daniel: I mean we don't need the \$75,000 line item for that. *(Inaudible)*

Fire Chief Connelly: It was a high number, off the cuff.

Councilman O'Daniel: It can even be two.

Councilman McGinn: Two part-timers could do that. Could you give us a listing of maybe, you know, the schedules and how many hours it would be to pick-up and deliver? Of course then someone has to clean it too though you know. You need someone to run the machines.

Fire Chief Connelly: Correct.

Councilman McGinn: Could you kind of, I mean, how many hours would we be talking about?

Councilman Adams: Hey Russ, how much we got in the Rainy Day Fund?

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: No wait! Better question Mr. Lloyd. How much money is City Council reverting back to the General Fund? What, 80 grand?

City Controller Lloyd: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Problem solved.

Councilman Weaver: Did you say it was mandatory in Indianapolis that they wash their own clothes?

Fire Chief Connelly: They take the initiative themselves to clean it for routine cleaning.

Councilman Weaver: Do you think that would be a better idea for your staff to do that themselves instead of having somebody?

Speaking simultaneously

Fire Chief Connelly: I think if we have...I'm sorry, go ahead.

Councilman Weaver: I said do you think it'd be a better idea to maybe have your staff do it instead of hiring somebody if you require them...

Fire Chief Connelly: Hiring someone would increase the integrity of the accountability. Now certainly the individual may take the initiative on their own to clean their gear on a more frequent basis. I know personally that I would clean my clear on a more frequent basis than a lot of other firefighters.

Councilman Adams: But Chief, we've got decades, we've got years of that not working.

Fire Chief Connelly: I understand.

Councilman Adams: And what we are trying to do is change behavior. That's what we were trying to do a year ago and we haven't changed behavior. I'm not saying that we don't have great equipment but do you know what do we have to do to get this to do what we thought it was supposed to do a year ago? What's the committee recommended?

Fire Chief Connelly: Well if you can give me the money to hire somebody, I'll hire somebody.

Councilman Adams: Well I asked Russ how much we've got in the Rainy Day Fund but I think your suggestion is even better.

Councilman Friend: The problem with that is this is for the whole year of 201...

Councilman Adams: Yeah, I got that.

Councilman Friend:...and that's going to end in a matter of a couple weeks. You gotta go to another source of funding. I don't know Russ.

Councilman Adams: Well why don't we go to the Riverboat fund like we always do?

(Laughter)

City Controller Lloyd: Just real quick, City Council Contractual Services, it looks like in the LIT, about \$104,000 that's not going to be used. And then the, I mean Councilman Adams wanted to know the balance of the Rainy Day Fund...

Councilman Friend: About three million isn't it?

City Controller Lloyd: Yeah, \$2, 924,490.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: But come December 31, *our* hundred and something thousand goes back into *your* General Fund to be appropriated...

City Controller Lloyd: Well it's all ours...

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:...as you see fit.

City Controller Lloyd: Right. It's all of our General Fund, not just ours. It's your General Fund. But yeah, if that money is not spent, it would revert back to the General Fund cash balance.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: And be a resource to be spent in the calendar year 2014.

City Controller Lloyd: Correct.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: So perhaps there's a solution to the Chief's problem.

Councilman O'Daniel: I'm sorry. I just...I just shudder at the fact that I don't think anybody's really looked hard on what cuts can be made within the Fire Department or the Police Department to get some of these things done. It's a priority system and if you want things done you can find the money. What's your budget, 25 million dollars?

Fire Chief Connelly: Correct.

Councilman O'Daniel: We can't find \$20,000 in a 25 million dollar budget to hire somebody to pick-up and clean uniforms? I mean that's just...that's insane. It's actually insane.

Fire Chief Connelly: I'd need to create a part-time line item.

Councilman O'Daniel: That's what we keep doing. Let's just add to it, let's borrow from the LIT, let's spend from Riverboat. It never shrinks at all. We've got to hold the line somewhere.

Fire Chief Connelly: What I'm saying is take from full-time salary, create a part-time line item and take it from full-time and put it in part-time.

Councilman O'Daniel: But that's creating another job too, right?

Fire Chief Connelly: Yes.

Councilman Adams: Okay, we could have done that last April.

President Robinson: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

Councilman McGinn: Yeah, and again, I want to strongly emphasize part-time, if you can do a part-time line item because if you've got a 40-hour week employee with benefits you've got holidays, vacation days, sick days, and you have a 24/7 fire department and fires can come at any time and there are different shifts that you have to do and so all of sudden you need 2½ full-time people. So, you know, part-timers for those hours between 8:00 and 12:00, you know, four hours a day. Pick the stuff up, clean it and get it back. You've got four hours a day, seven days

a week is 28 hours. You're well below any type of thing and you know, I mean there are a lot of people that \$10 - \$15 an hour, four days a week. I mean, you know, retired guys, men, women, a college student. I mean I think you've got a wealth of information....a wealth of people that would be interested in that part-time job and we keep it realistic and you, you know, don't fill a position in two, three weeks or whatever, move that in there. I mean I think if we get creative, we can create the position and not spend any more money. I mean I really do. If you'd just take a look at that and let us know what you think, it'd be great.

Fire Chief Connelly: Okay. I'll bring it back on December 16th.

Councilman Adams: Thank you sir.

Fire Chief Connelly: Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2013-18 A.S.D.

BRINKERHOFF-RILEY

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville granting certificates of convenience and necessity for the operation of taxicabs for the year 2014 (Unity Taxi)

ORDINANCE G-2013-20 A.S.D.

BRINKERHOFF-RILEY

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville Amending Chapter 2.170 of the Evansville Municipal Code (Fire Department Merit System).

ORDINANCE G-2013-21 PUBLIC WORKS (O'DANIEL)

LINDSEY

An Ordinance to vacate certain public ways or public places within the city of Evansville, Indiana, commonly known as the right-of-way part of 2nd Ave.

ORDINANCE G-2013-22 A.S.D.

BRINKERHOFF-RILEY

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville granting certificates of convenience and necessity for the operation of taxicabs for the year 2014 (Dave's Taxi)

ORDINANCE G-2013-23 A.S.D.

BRINKERHOFF-RILEY

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville granting certificates of convenience and necessity for the operation of taxicabs for the year 2014 (River City Yellow Cab)

Resolution C-2013-24

FINANCE

FRIEND

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Evansville ratifying, confirming, authorizing and approving an agreement between the City of Evansville and International Association of Firefighters Evansville Local No. 357 Inc.

ORDINANCE R-2013-29 TO APC

C-4 to C-2

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 618 and 620 N. Main St.

Petitioner: David Clark

Owners: Same

Representative: Casey Austin

District: Stephanie Brinkerhoff-Riley, Ward 3

President Robinson: Is there a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as written?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilwoman Mosby seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as written. Voice vote. So ordered.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECOND READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE R-2013-20 FROM APC

R-5 to C-2

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 102 and 104 West Illinois Street.

Petitioner: City of Evansville/Redevelopment Commission

Owners: Evansville Redevelopment Commission

Representative: Philip Hooper

District: Brinkerhoff-Riley, Ward 3

This petition comes forward with a recommendation for approval from APC, having 11 affirmative votes.

President Robinson: Is there a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Second Reading of Zoning Ordinances and to accept the Area Plan Commission Report?

Councilman O'Daniel moved and Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Second Reading of Zoning Ordinances and to accept the Area Plan Commission Report. Voice vote. So ordered.

Council now stands at Third Reading of Zoning Ordinances, which is final action.

THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE R-2013-20 FROM APC

R-5 to C-2

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 102 and 104 West Illinois Street.

Petitioner: City of Evansville/Redevelopment Commission

President Robinson: Petitioner?

Lana Abel: Petitioner Lana Abel, Department of Metropolitan Development. I'm here tonight to ask for the approval of something the Area Plan Commission did approve by 11 votes on November 14.

A little background on this project or property. It has been owned by the City for many decades. It was built in 1913 and I believe and it was a fire alarm station on Baker Street. It's been used for storage for probably 20 or 30 years then it became vacant and fell in very bad disrepair. It was going to be demolished by the Transportation Department who owned it, or managed it over all those years and DMD has to sign off on all the demolitions that come through for the City and we saw this building that was going to be demolished and we thought it was a great treasure to save so we asked the Department of Transportation if we could take a shot at finding a developer to go in with their own money and we weren't going to offer an incentive...any incentives, we just wanted to try to save the building, which we did. We got a developer. They plan to put over

\$150,000 in the renovation of the building. They're going to move their office and business to the area. It'll be on the tax rolls for the first time in 100 years actually, so it's a very good project for the City of Evansville.

So that's...

Councilman McGinn: *(Off Mic)* Mike Martin is the developer.

Lana Abel: That is correct. He did get the bid, yes.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: And I went in and looked at the inside of the building. I mean I went over there with Lana and Dennis and I mean the façade is really all there is to save and this is an opportunity to keep it from being torn down so it's pretty exciting and it backs into that big MelMar property that's been for sale forever and so maybe it'll start a little development in Jacobsville.

Lana Abel: That's right, that's right.

President Robinson: Are there any questions from any other Councilmembers or anyone in the audience?

Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance R-2013-20 and call the roll?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance R-2013-20 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Ordinance R-2013-20 is hereby declared adopted.

Lana Abel: Thank you very, very much.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2013-19 (AMENDED) A.S.D. (RILEY) COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville amending Chapter 5.45 of the Municipal Code regarding Tattoo Parlors and Body Piercing Facilities

ORDINANCE F-2013-21 (AMENDED) FINANCE FRIEND

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville authorizing transfers of appropriations, additional appropriations and repeal and re-appropriation of funds for various city funds

ORDINANCE F-2013-22 FINANCE FRIEND

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of sewage works revenue bonds of the City of Evansville, Indiana, and issuance of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds; prescribing the form and other details of the bonds; providing for the collection and disposition of the revenues to be derived from its sewerage system; making other provisions with respect to the operation of the

system and the issuance and sale of the bonds and notes; and providing for the security and payment of the bonds and notes; other matters connected therewith, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith.

ORDINANCE F-2013-23 (AMENDED) FINANCE FRIEND

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville authorizing appropriations, transfers and repeal of funds within various departments

RESOLUTION C-2013-23 FINANCE FRIEND

A Special Resolution approving and authorizing certain actions and proceedings with respect to certain proposed economic development bonds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN FRIEND

Councilman Friend: Madam President, your Finance Committee met this evening to hear Ordinance F-2013-21 as Amended, F-2013-22, F-2013-23 as Amended, and Resolution C-2013-23 and they come forward with a do-pass recommendation.

A.S.D. COMMITTEE:

CHAIRWOMAN BRINKERHOFF- RILEY

Councilwoman Riley: Madam President, your A.S.D. Committee met this evening to hear Ordinance G-2013-19 as Amended and it comes forward with a do-pass recommendation.

President Robinson: Is there a motion to adopt the Committee Reports and move these Ordinances and Resolutions to Third Reading.

Councilman Weaver moved and Councilman O'Daniel seconded the motion to adopt the Committee Reports and move these Ordinances and Resolution to Third Reading. Voice vote. So ordered.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2013-19 (AMENDED) A.S.D. (RILEY) COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville amending Chapter 5.45 of the Municipal Code regarding Tattoo Parlors and Body Piercing Facilities

President Robinson: Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance G-2013-19 as amended and call the roll:

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilman O'Daniel seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance G-2013-19 as amended and call the roll.

Comment made by Councilmembers before casting votes:

Councilman Adams: I'd just like to thank you all for making Evansville a little safer. There are a great number of people who have tattoos. The conditions that I got my two tattoos in 1971 while I was in the navy in Naples were not safe. I think we have made Evansville a lot safer now...and I was intoxicated at the time.

Councilman O'Daniel: I have no tattoos but aye.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: M^cGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Ordinance G-2013-19 as amended is hereby declared adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE F-2013-21 (AMENDED) FINANCE FRIEND

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville authorizing transfers of appropriations, additional appropriations and repeal and re-appropriation of funds for various city funds

President Robinson: Can I have a motion to adopt Ordinance F-2013-21 as amended?

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilman Weaver seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance F-2013-21 as amended and call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: M^cGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

There being nine (9) Ayes and Zero (0) Nays, Ordinance F-2013-21 as amended is hereby declared adopted

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE F-2013-22 FINANCE FRIEND

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of sewage works revenue bonds of the City of Evansville, Indiana, and issuance of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds; prescribing the form and other details of the bonds; providing for the collection and disposition of the revenues to be derived from its sewerage system; making other provisions with respect to the operation of the system and the issuance and sale of the bonds and notes; and providing for the security and payment of the bonds and notes; other matters connected therewith, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith.

President Robinson: Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance F-2013-22 and call the roll?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilman O'Daniel seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance F-2013-22 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: M^cGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Ordinance F-2013-22 is hereby declared adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE F-2013-23 (AMENDED) FINANCE

FRIEND

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville authorizing appropriations, transfers and repeal of funds within various departments

President Robinson: Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance F-2013-23 as amended and call the roll?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilwoman Mosby seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance F-2013-23 as amended and call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: M^cGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Ordinance F-2013-23 as amended is hereby declared adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION C-2013-23 FINANCE

FRIEND

A Special Resolution approving and authorizing certain actions and proceedings with respect to certain proposed economic development bonds.

President Robinson: Is there a motion to adopt Resolution C-2013-23 and call the roll?

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilman O'Daniel seconded the motion to adopt Resolution C-2013-23 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: M^cGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Resolution C-2013-23 is hereby declared adopted.

RESOLUTION DOCKET

RESOLUTION C-2013-25 (DOCKET)

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

An Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana hereby urges the General Assembly to reject the proposed State Constitutional Amendment permanently defining marriage.

President Robinson: We have on our Resolution Docket tonight as Council as a Whole, however I think Councilwoman Riley and Councilman Weaver led the charge on this. I'm going to ask Councilwoman Riley into it. I think I have a...

Councilman O'Daniel: Actually can I make an amendment to it because I think I emailed Scott and it got by me (*Inaudible*). It got by us and so the amendment's going to...

President Robinson: We have a clean copy...

Councilman O'Daniel: Do we, okay.

President Robinson:...of the amendment.

Councilman O'Daniel: Okay, very good.

President Robinson: Yeah, and I would like you to read the clean copy.

(Multiple Speakers Off Mic – Inaudible)

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Okay, thank you very much. Resolution C-2013-25, which is introduced by Council a Whole without any reservation. I'm really proud of everyone.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE

WHEREAS, The common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana hereby urges the General Assembly to reject the proposed State Constitutional Amendment permanently defining marriage; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 The Indiana General Assembly adopted House Joint Resolution No. 6 ("HJR6"), which would add a new section 38 to Article 1 of the Indiana Constitution, to read as follows:

"Section 38: Only a marriage between one (1) man and one (1) woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Indiana. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of married for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized", and

WHEREAS, to become affective, HJR6 must be agreed to by the 2014 General Assembly and ratified by a majority of the State's voters voting on the question at the November 2014 general election; and

WHEREAS, IC 21-11-1-1(a) already provides that, "Only a female may marry a male. Only a male may marry a female"; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2013, a coalition of Indiana businesses and groups announced the formation of Freedom Indiana, a bi-partisan statewide organization that opposes HJR6; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom Indiana coalition partners include Eli Lilly and Company and Cummins Inc., each of which made a significant financial investment in the campaign to have the Indiana General Assembly reject HJR6; and

WHEREAS, a Ball State University poll shows that 58% of Hoosiers oppose the constitutional Amendment and only 38% support it; and

WHEREAS, Indiana, Purdue, Ball State, Butler, DePauw and Evansville Universities and Wabash College have all expressed opposition to the Constitutional Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Democrat controlled City-County Council of Indianapolis passed a similar Resolution and it was endorsed by Indianapolis' Republican Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council recognizes that discrimination in any form adversely impacts the ability of industry to attract the best employees; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and obligation of the Common Council to promote economic development and to insure that industry is not discouraged from doing business in the City of Evansville, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council calls on Mayor Winnecke to join in this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana hereby urges the General Assembly of the State of Indiana to reject the proposed State Constitutional Amendment permanently defining marriage.

(Inaudible) and I won't read the rest but if passed would be passed tonight and passed on to the Mayor's desk.

City Council Attorney Danks: And Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley, could you move to amend that resolution to add both Wabash College and the University of Evansville please?

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Yes, I will make a motion and also to add Wabash, to add the University of Evansville and it looks like you've already corrected the spelling of DePauw.

City Council Attorney Danks: Yes.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Sweet. Okay.

City Council Attorney Danks: That wasn't my spelling but I did correct it.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Okay. So...

President Robinson: So you second that motion. Voice vote. So ordered.

Okay, we have people in the audience that would like to speak for and I guess against this. Is any Councilmembers...do we have any Councilmembers that have anything to say? Okay. Brenda Bergewitz.

What'd you say Missy? She lives in the county?

Missy asked did you live in the county?

Brenda Bergewitz: Yes, I do.

President Robinson: Yes. Yes Missy, she lives in the county. Okay, come up please. We have a time limit, three minutes please. I guess everybody is looking at me. Am I not supposed to let her speak cause she lives in the county or what?

Brenda Bergewitz: It's the first time as many years I been coming to this that that's been asked. Thank you very much. My name is Brenda Bergewitz. I live at 3646 Orchard Road, Evansville, Indiana in the county. I'm gonna read just what I've got to say.

I believe in promoting family values, passing legislation whereby marriage is defined as marriage between one man and one woman. We have a responsibility to our younger generation. We need to have the courage to stand up for what is expected of us. To hold the morals of God; the laws of God. We the people need to stand up for what we believe. Don't let the judges decide.

I have a question for each and every one of you. You are trying to take the choice away from the people. It should be brought to the polls on Election Day. We elected our State legislators. HJR6, leave as is. Let the people decide at the polls and not the judges. Thank you very much for letting me speak.

President Robinson: Thank you. Next, Jim Braker.

Jim Braker: Good evening Councilmembers and John, my name is Jim Braker, 1700 E. Blackford in the city.

I concur with Brenda Bergewitz. The people should decide; we the people. That's what the constitution says that we the people will decide, not the judges and that's what we're asking for is to vote on this. That's what should be done. Let the people decide. If the people want marriage to be between a man and a woman, or otherwise, then they should decide, not the judges. Thank you very much and Merry Christmas.

President Robinson: Thank you. Martha Stott?

Martha Stott: I'm Martha Stott, 1318 E. Boonville New Harmony Road, Evansville, Indiana.

Yes I am a citizen of the State of Indiana and when some of this is read, like Eli Lilly and Cummins gave money for Nation Freedom, or whatever it is called, I get a little tired of being lied to because they say it's going...it may affect our jobs. The brightest may not stay. So straight people are not among the brightest? They won't stay. You know they're going to have to go someplace else because we want the brightest to be here.

I'm willing to live in Indiana however the vote comes out but I want to be able to vote. We are getting so used to being lied to by the government so I feel like, you know, even if the resolution passes...passed tonight, but whether it would have much affect or not because government has such a low opinion from the citizens. So I don't know if what you did really betters the cause.

But I went in on the computer and the Department of Commerce says that eight of the top ten states for growing personal income have passed marriage protection amendments. In 2009, and maybe you have some later evidence in this, I mean maybe you...your government evidence is a little bit later, but 543 CEOs ranked the best and worst states for business and job growth. The

best states: Texas, North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee. All five have passed the marriage amendment. Worst states: California, New York, Michigan, New Jersey, Massachusetts. Four of the five have pro-gay agendas or pro-gay marriage.

So what are the universities and the mayors and the councils...what are you afraid of? You all come and ask for our votes for you but yet you don't want us to vote on this. I think it's a little hypocritical.

Then they talk about discrimination and in all 50 states, there is a (*Inaudible*), they have a right to buy a house. There's even a right for a blessed union if you have a religious group that will bless it. I wonder what the discrimination is all about. So...

President Robinson: Okay, thank you.

Martha Stott: Thank you.

President Robinson: Glenda Walden.

Glenda Walden: Council, I'm the pastor at Unity Church of Evansville, 4118 Pollack Avenue here in Vanderburgh County.

It is a great day to be in Vanderburgh County. I'm so proud of you all. I left this state many years ago because I found it closed-minded and prejudiced. I took my family and went elsewhere but I've returned home because I want to see that my children and my grandchildren have a better legacy than I did.

I stand before you proud to be part of what's changing in Indiana and I am so grateful that you can see that we should all be treated equal. God views us as equal.

Thank you.

President Robinson: Thank you. Wally.

Wally Paynter: My name is Wally Paynter, Board President of the Tri-State Alliance. I just wanted to say thank you first to the City Council for considering this resolution. It takes courage; you're showing it. And I'd also like to thank the Mayor for taking a stand on this important civil rights issue. What you're doing is the right thing to do. Thank you.

President Robinson: Thank you. Marvalene Prince.

Marvalene Prince: Thank you. I didn't prepare anything, I just wanted to say that I know what discrimination feels like. I came up through segregation and everyone should be treated equally no matter what their color, ethnicity, race...doesn't matter. So I ask you to do the right thing. Thank you.

President Robinson: Thank you. Wendy Link.

Wendy Link: First of all, thank you for letting me speak. I have a unique perspective on HJR6. I am a mother, a grandmother, a veteran, a member of this community and a member of the

spiritual community. I am a fiscal conservative and I am a liberal socialist...not socialist, social...I'll get it out there. Sorry.

I vote always a mixed ticket because I look at the candidates and what they believe in and right now I'm...being a fiscal conservative, I see this as a redundant issue within the State of Indiana. It's already on the books. The law already exists that there is an opposition to this but I stand here a member of a middle-class neighborhood with wonderful neighbors, a wonderful spiritual community, and I am a lesbian and I've been in a committed relationship for five years. Although in this state, I may never be able to marry my partner, it is my hope that in the future, this issue will be a non-issue and everybody can have the right to be happy. Thank you.

President Robinson: Thank you. Okay, is there anyone else in the audience?

Ellen Spretsky: *(Off Mic)* I'm sorry. I've been here a while and I didn't fill out a slip.

President Robinson: Okay Ellen, come on. You can come up here.

Ellen Spretsky: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

President Robinson: You're trying to be a diva tonight aren't you.

Ellen Spretsky: I had some eye surgery so okay, we're here and so on and so forth. Okay, just briefly, I want to say this with all the kindness and respect...

City Clerk Windhorst: Can you state your name for the record please.

Ellen Spretsky: Oh I'm sorry. My name is Ellen Spretsky.

President Robinson: Speak into the microphone.

Ellen Spretsky: All right. Okay, my name is Ellen Spretsky. I live at 717 Cherry Street, okay, here in the downtown city area.

I want to say this with all the kindness and respect that I possibly can...two matters. First of all, the reason this needs to come up with a vote, because recently Supreme Court decisions have been overturning *(Inaudible)* various amendments and so on, saying that public opinion has changed over the years and so on, so even though it would not be logical under any other circumstances to have another vote, which I wish we didn't have to do, this is why it's going to be necessary so that we can show, no matter what the majority opinion is, that we can show that this is the up-to-date feeling of the majority of the citizens of Indiana on that point.

The rest of it, it is not a question of discrimination. It is not a question of people or fairness. It's a question of action. The Lord God does not hate anybody. There is no homophobia to it. It's the action. The Lord just says, "You don't do the action", okay. If you have problems with it, like any other action, you take it to the Lord. He'll help you work it out.

The same thing with the matter economics in Evansville. Let's not make it Evansville, let's make it Indiana too. As a born again Christian, I take every action I take to the Lord God. Speaking here this evening, I take this action before the Lord God. Do some of us who are born

again Christians or good, devout Jewish people, or whatever, all through the Bible, what the history is is that the Lord blessed those who followed his teachings, whether it was winning a war or whether it was healing the sick, or whether it was leaving slavery in Egypt, as when the people went before the Lord God and honored him, then he blessed them as a country or as a people (*Inaudible*). I don't see why we who say that we are committed Christians or good, devout Jewish people or whatever, you lay it before the Lord. Can't we believe that the Lord God would bless Indiana economically if we are going to stand up for his principles, because otherwise, he is not our God. Thank you very much.

President Robinson: Thank you. Okay, is there anybody else?

Unidentified Speaker: (*Off Mic*) (*Inaudible*)

President Robinson: Okay, three minutes.

Phillip Schultz: Hi. My name is Phillip Schultz. I live on 3013 Tremont Road and I did miss the earlier thing about tattoos and piercings and I have a thing with that. I'll mix it in with this because I think that the government needs to just stay out of people's personal life decisions. I mean you're okay with whatever happens behind closed doors, right? People should be allowed to make mistakes or if it's a marriage you just don't agree with to tattoos and piercings, right? People should be allowed to sin or just live their lives accordingly.

I'm a Christian and I'm for same-sex marriage because I believe you have to learn the hard way sometimes in order to be saved righteously and be pulled into your full glory of God, all right? So I understand you have to go through some of that punishment and suffering or whatever else. I know not everyone agrees that is suffering but you know what, I believe you've got to be delivered from something and Christians should allow people to be delivered.

Now as far as the tattoo and stuff and the piercings, that's atrocious to me that we should ban things. For one, it's their own personal decision to do this. That's no one else's business. And then as far as, for me, it's also a religious thing because in the book of Ezekiel, chapter 16, it says, "God gave a ring for her nose", her being the body of Jerusalem, his children. I can no longer give a piercing to my own child in my own house as a religious ceremony. That's very upsetting for me. It is a sign of adornment. He puts it right up there with spices, with beautiful wine and fragrances and everything else and a ring for her nose. I can no longer do that for my child. Why can't I? Why can't I glorify my child in front of God with a piercing for her?

Read the book of Ezekiel. Read the word of God and allow people to make mistakes. If you feel like it's a mistake, that should be allowed. That's no one else's decision to decide what's good and what's wrong personally. Thank you.

President Robinson: Okay, thank you. And this will be the last one. Oh that's my sweetheart right there. How you doing?

Alex Kessler: My name is Alex Kessler. I live at 1237 Hatfield Drive in Evansville. I just want to say the Mayor took a stand and I want to thank you guys for taking a stand.

President Robinson: Thank you.

Is there a motion to adopt Resolution C-2013-25 and call the roll?

Councilman Brinkerhoff-Riley moved and Councilman Weaver seconded the motion to adopt Resolution C-2013-25 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Resolution C-2013-25 is hereby declared adopted.

Applause and cheering from the audience

Looks like we made somebody happy tonight for a change.

Next we have Donna Holderfield. I think before Donna speaks, Donna I just want to tell you that I think it's the consensus of the Council that we know you were just doing your job. I'm sorry that you had to take a lot of heat for what you were doing and we, along with the Mayor, are working on an ordinance because it's not fair to you and I'm sure you've been personally attacked but...

Donna Holderfield: Yes I have.

President Robinson:...you know, when people do their job and some, you know, it's just an antiquated law that needs to be changed and we want to thank you and we are sorry that you had to go through all this abuse.

Donna Holderfield: Some of you may not know me but I'm Donna Holderfield. I work for the Evansville/Vanderburgh County Area Plan Commission as a zoning enforcement officer. Due to a vicious attack against me, the Plan Commission, the Mayor, the City Council, the County Commissioners, other governmental agencies by Amy Word of Amy's Lamasco Bar and Grill, I would like to take this opportunity to present to you a document that I prepared to address the lies, the half-truths, presumptions, and misconceptions that have been spread in the media recently. I feel that my honesty, integrity, and character were personally attacked and I feel compelled to address it by presenting this document to you. It will cover a lot of issues regarding the zoning ordinance and I really hope that you do take the time to read it and I would like to pass that out to you.

President Robinson: We're sorry that you had to go through that.

Donna Holderfield: Thank you.

President Robinson: Thank you Donna.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Common Council will be Monday, December 16, 2013. Committee meetings will begin at 5:05 p.m.

President Robinson: I need a board appointment approval of the Historic Preservation Commission. I think the Mayor is appointing Alan Higgins. Are you here Dennis?

Dennis Au: Yes. I'm Dennis Au. I'm the Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Evansville and indeed the Mayor did appoint S. Alan Higgins to a vacancy on the Preservation Commission. He's a well-qualified candidate. He has both a bachelor's and a master's degree in historic preservation and being a certified local government, we looked for someone, hoped for someone, who had strong professional credentials. It's important that this commission have some professional anchor and I believe he will be a good anchor.

President Robinson: So I need a motion to approve...is he here tonight?

Dennis Au: No he is not.

President Robinson: Okay.

*** Board Appointment Approval: Historic Preservation Commission**

Councilman Adams moved and Councilman O'Daniel seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Alan Higgins to the Historic Preservation Commission. Voice vote. So ordered.

Councilman O'Daniel: I move to keep Scott as our attorney for another year.

President Robinson: You think so? You really think...

Next we have probably the best thing on our agenda tonight, the renewal of the City Council Attorney's contract.

Unidentified Speaker: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

President Robinson: Debatable huh? I think Scott sent everyone a copy of this and asked that if you had any questions concerning his contract to give him a call or to give me a call.

I think we all realize that Scott has done a tremendous job for us this year. He's been there for us. He's....he's been there for us. He's led us through a lot of challenges and directed us and gave us good legal advice and at this time I'd like to have a motion to renew his contract.

*** Renewal of the City Council Attorney's Contract**

Councilman O'Daniel moved and Councilman Adams seconded the motion to approve the renewal of the contract for Scott Danks, City Council Attorney. Voice vote. So ordered.

City Council Attorney Danks: Thank you very much.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Re: Ordinance G-2013-21

December 16, 2013

Time: 5:05 p.m.

Notify: Maria Bulkley, KDDK

CHAIRMAN O'DANIEL

Petition to vacate part of Second Ave.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Re: Resolution C-2013-24

December 16, 2013

Time: 5:10 p.m.

Notify: George Fithian

CHAIRMAN JOHN FRIEND

Renewal of Firefighters Contract

A.S.D. COMMITTEE:

Re: Ordinance G-2013-22

December 16, 2013

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Notify: Dave Goldblatt

CHAIRMAN BRINKERHOFF-RILEY

Certification of Convenience and Necessity
for Taxicabs (Dave's Taxi)

Re: Ordinance G-2013-23

December 16, 2013

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Notify: Heather Williams

Certification of Convenience and Necessity
for Taxicabs (River City Yellow Cab)

Re: Ordinance G-2013-18

December 16, 2013

Time: 5:25 p.m.

Notify: James Burchett

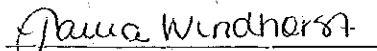
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for Taxicabs (Unity Taxi)

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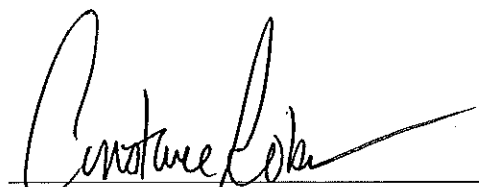
President Robinson: Can I have a motion for adjournment?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilman O'Daniel seconded the motion to adjourn. Voice vote. So. Ordered. Thank you so much for coming tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Laura Windhorst, City Clerk



Constance Robinson, President